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17. (Cancelled)

18. (Currently Amended) An information recording medium comprising an electronic information storing circuit part[[,]] and an ink receiving layer comprising a water-soluble or hydrophilic synthetic resin, in this order, and further comprising a barrier layer for preventing ink components applied with an ink jet head to the ink receiving layer from reaching the electronic information storing circuit part and having a concentration of ionic chlorine of 100 ppm or less,

wherein the barrier layer is provided between the electronic information storing circuit part and the ink receiving layer ~~so as to prevent an ink applied with an ink jet head to the ink receiving layer from reaching the electronic information storing circuit part.~~

19. (Previously Presented) The information recording medium according to claim 18, wherein the barrier layer has an air permeability of at least 300 sec/100 cc as measured in accordance with the Gurley air permeability testing method.

20. (Previously Presented) The information recording medium according to Claim 14, wherein ink-jet recording can be carried out on the recording medium.

21. (Previously Presented) The information recording medium according to Claim 14, wherein the recording medium is used as a non-contact tag.